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Bill No.

as introduced, Ayala.

Committee: (_____).

General Subject: George N. Zenovich.

This measure would express the Legislature's commendations and appreciation to its colleague and good friend, the Honorable George N. Zenovich, on his retirement as a Member of the California State Senate, and convey to him its best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. ____

Relative to commending George N. Zenovich.

WHEREAS, On the occasion of his retirement as a Member of the California Legislature representing the 14th Senatorial District, which is comprised of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Stanislaus Counties, and his appointment as Associate Justice to the Fifth District Court of Appeal, the Honorable George N. Zenovich is deserving of special recognition and the highest commendations; and

WHEREAS, A native of Fresno, Senator Zenovich attended local schools, and received his law degree from the Southwestern University School of Law at Los Angeles, and attended the International Academy of Law at the Hague, Holland; and

WHEREAS, He served with honor and distinction during World War II in the United States Air Force in New Guinea, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, An active member and leader in his community, Senator Zenovich's affiliations are many, including the Fresno State College Alumni Association, California State College Stanislaus Art Guild, Veterans of Foreign Wars, California and American Bar Associations, and St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church in Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Senator Zenovich was elected to the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee in 1956, formed the first Fresno County Democratic Committee for John F. Kennedy in 1960, and was a member of the California Bobby Kennedy delegation to the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago;

WHEREAS, He was elected to the Assembly in 1962, representing the 32nd Assembly District, comprised of metropolitan Fresno, and was successfully reelected to that seat three times before he ran for, and was elected to, the Senate in 1970; and

WHEREAS, He served in many leadership roles throughout his legislative career: in the Assembly as Majority Floor Leader during the 1966, 1967, and 1968 sessions, and as Democratic Caucus Chairman in 1969, a post he held until he left the lower House for the Senate in 1971; and he also served as a delegate to the National Legislative Leadership Conferences, a member of Governor Reagan's Auto Accident Study Commission, a member of Governor Brown's Workmens' Compensation Commission, Chairman of the Finance and Insurance Committee, and a member of the Ways and Means Committee;

WHEREAS, In the Senate, he served as a member of the Rules Committee and as Chairman of the Industrial

Relations Committee, during which time the Legislature enacted the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, the first of its kind in the nation; and

WHEREAS, He also chaired the Select Committee on Children and Youth and the Joint Committee on Community Development and Housing Needs, which led to the creation of the California Housing Finance Agency, and he provided leadership as Vice Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, An Assembly bill carried by Senator Zenovich requiring electronic locator beacons on small aircraft became the model for federal legislation that has saved countless lives, and his extensive legislation in the area of developmentally disabled and the handicapped includes the creation of a Diagnostic School for the Neurologically Handicapped, located in Fresno, which serves all of central California; and

WHEREAS, During his 17 years of dedicated service in the Assembly and the Senate, Senator Zenovich authored legislation in the areas of judiciary, veterans affairs, social insurance, agricultural land use, and conservation; and he was involved in the formation of the California Arts Commission in 1963, carried legislation in

1975 establishing the California Arts Council, and was also responsible for the establishment of the California Housing Finance Agency, one of the landmark consumer laws of the 1970's; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Members express their commendations and appreciation to their colleague and good friend, the Honorable George N. Zenovich, for his distinguished record of dedicated service to his constituents and to all the people of the State of California, and convey to him their best wishes for every success in his future endeavors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a suitably prepared copy of this resolution to Senator George N. Zenovich.

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